

Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Limitation on Campaign Contribution

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA: AMENDING ARTICLE II, ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 2.2, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (7) ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING ARTICLE III, ELECTED COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3.4 ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT QUESTION TO BE POSED TO THE LEON COUNTY ELECTORATE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON _____; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION FORM; PROVIDING FOR FUTURE AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida,

that:

Section 1. Article II, Section 2.2 of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida,

is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.2. Legislative Branch.

(1) The County Commission. The governing body of the County shall be a Board

of County Commissioners composed of seven (7) members serving staggered terms of four (4)

years. There shall be one (1) Commissioner elected for each of the five (5) County Commission

districts, established pursuant to general law or by ordinance, and they shall be elected by the

electors of that district. There shall be two (2) At-large Commissioners elected on a countywide

basis by the electors of the County. Elections for all seven (7) members of the County

Commission shall be non-partisan. Each candidate for the office of district County

Commissioner shall reside within the district from which such candidate seeks election at the

1 time of qualifying to run for that office, and during the term of office each Commissioner shall
2 reside in the district from which such Commissioner ran for office, provided that any
3 Commissioner whose residence is removed from a district by redistricting may continue to serve
4 during the balance of the term of office.

5 **(2) Redistricting.** Redistricting of County Commission district boundaries shall be
6 in accordance with general law, changed only after notice and a public hearing as provided by
7 general law.

8 **(3) Salaries and Other Compensation.** Salaries and other compensation of the
9 County Commissioners shall be established by ordinance, and salary shall not be lowered during
10 an officer's term in office.

11 **(4) Authority.** The Board of County Commissioners shall exercise all legislative
12 authority provided by this Home Rule Charter in addition to all other powers and duties
13 authorized by general law or special law approved by a vote of the electorate.

14 **(5) Vacancies.** A vacancy in the office of County Commissioner shall be defined and
15 filled as provided by general law.

16 **(6) Administrative Code.** The County Commission shall adopt an administrative
17 code in accordance with general law.

18 **(7) Limitation on Campaign Contributions.** No candidate for any County office
19 for which compensation is paid shall accept any contribution from any contributor, including a
20 political committee, as defined by state law, in cash or in kind, in an amount in excess of \$250.

21 **Section 2.** Article III of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, is hereby
22 amended by adding a new Section 3.4 entitled "Limitation on Campaign Contributions," to read
23 as follows:

1 **Sec. 3.4. Limitation on Campaign Contributions.**

2 No candidate for any County office for which compensation is paid shall accept any contribution
3 from any contributor, including a political committee, as defined by state law, in cash or in kind,
4 in an amount in excess of \$250.

Section 3. Ballot Question To Be Presented To Electorate.

6 The proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, shall be
7 presented to the qualified Leon County electorate by placing the question of whether to adopt
8 same on the ballot at the special election to be held on _____.

9 **Section 4. Ballot Question Form.**

10 The question on the ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

1 **AMENDMENT TO HOME RULE CHARTER OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**
2 **AS PROPOSED BY LEON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2010-__**

4 Question

20 Yes for Approval _____

22 No for Rejection _____

Section 5. Further Authorization.

25 The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, is authorized to adopt all
26 resolutions and take all actions necessary in order for this Charter amendment referendum to be
27 properly placed on the ballot for the special election of _____. Said referendum
28 shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing referendum elections in the
29 State of Florida.

Section 6. Severability.

2 If any word, phrase, clause, section or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or
3 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or words shall be deemed a
4 separate and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the
5 remaining portions thereof.

6 **Section 7. Effective Date.**

7 This ordinance shall have effect upon becoming law, but shall be of no further force or
8 effect if the proposed Charter amendments are not duly approved at the
9 _____, special election. The amendments to the Home Rule Charter of
10 Leon County, Florida, as proposed by this Ordinance, shall become effective
11 _____, if the Charter amendment is approved by a “yes” vote by a majority
12 of those duly qualified electors voting on the question posed at the _____,
13 referendum.

4 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Leon
5 County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2010.

17 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

20 By: _____
21 Bob Rackleff, Chairman
22 Board of County Commissioners

25 ATTESTED BY:
26 BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
27 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Clerk

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3 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
4 COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
5 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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8 By: _____
9 Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.
10 County Attorney